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SETTING UP OF NTPC POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation has sought equity partnership with management control over Bharatiya Rail Bijlee Company at Nabinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC propose to set up the project independently to supply power to the Railways; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : In a meeting between Hon`ble Minister for Railways and Hon`ble Minister of Power held on 2nd January, 2002, it was agreed that, Railways could set up a power plant of 1000 MW in Joint Venture with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to meet power requirement of Railways. Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Railways and NTPC on 18.02.2002 whereby, it was agreed that Railways and NTPC would hold 51% and 49% of the equity of the Joint Venture Company (JVC) respectively and the management control of the JVC will be with NTPC. Project Investment Board (PIB) in its meeting held on 13.02.2004 has approved the proposal for formation of the JVC and for investment by Railways and NTPC in the JVC to set up Nabinagar Thermal Power Project of 1000 MW (4x250 MW).

(c) & (d) : At present NTPC has no proposal to set up the project independently for power supply to Railways.